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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: DAILY RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 6926

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 10 TO JULY 20, 1973

	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15
BEGINNING STOCK	11226.6	10898.9	10348.9	18298.9	17748.9	177998.

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ROUTE 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	115	-	-	-	800	-
MEKONG	-	-	8500	-	-	-

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TOTAL AVAILABLE	11341.6	10898.9	18848.9	18298.9	18548.9	17998.
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LESS DISTRIBUTION 442.7 550 550 550 550 550
 BALANCE 10898.9 10348.9 18298.9 17748.9 17998.9 17448.

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	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
BEGINNING STOCK	17448.9	16898.9	17148.9	20398.9	19848.9
ROUTE 4	-	-	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	-	800	-	-	-
MEKONG	-	-	3800	-0(####)	

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 BALANCE 16898.9 17148.9 20398.9 19848.9 19298.9-35.08

- 1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 17698.9 AT 550 - 32.17 DAYS
- 2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 6998.9 AT 550 -12.72 DAYS
- 3) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 AND THE MEKONG
 ARE CLOSED: 5398.9 AT 550 - 9.81 DAYS
- 4) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 AND THE MEKONG
 ARE CLOSED AT 700 MT/DAY: 3748.9 AT 700- 5.35 DAYS

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GKR'S RICE COMMITTEE CONVENED ON JULY 11
 AND WAS ATTENDED BY AN ECON DELEGATION LED BY THE DEPUTY ECONOMIC
 COUNSELOR. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NEED TO MOVE AS MUCH RICE AS FEASIBLE FROM BATTAMBANG TO
 PHNOM PENH WHILE ROUTE 5 REMAINS OPEN. THE MAIN PROBLEM LIES IN
 THE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE BATTAMBANG GOVERNOR WHO IS
 ALLOWING MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN SURROUNDING PROVINCES TO COMPETE
 WITH SORAPA IN THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS RICE AND/OR TO DRAW FROM
 SORAPA'S EXISTING STOCK DESTINED FOR PHNOM PENH. A CABLE FROM THE
 PRIME MINISTER'S CABINET IS GOING OUT TODAY TO THE BATTAMBANG
 GOVERNOR INSTRUCTING HIM NOT TO IMPEDE MOVEMENTS OF RICE TO PHNOM
 PENH, AND A GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION HEADED BY THE UNDER SECRETARY
 OF STATE FOR COMMERCE WILL BE HEADING FOR BATTAMBANG LATER TODAY OR
 TOMORROW MORNING AT THE LATEST TO GET RICE CONVOYS MOVING AT
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THE RATE OF THREE TO FOUR PER WEEK.

B. AIRLIFTS TO KOMPONG CHAM AND SVAY RIENG. AN AGREEMENT HAS
 BEEN REACHED WITH KHMER AKAS TO SUPPLY SVAY RIENG AT THE RATE OF
 2,500/100 KILOS BAGS A WEEK UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT TO BE
 SIGNED MOMENTARILY. (AIR CAMBODGE PILOTS REFUSE TO FLY TO SVAY
 RIENG.) KHMER AKAS IS STARTING TODAY, JULY 11, TO LIFT
 RICE TO SVAY RIENG AT A FIXED COST OF 3,300 RIELS PER BAG, WHICH

INCLUDE LAND TRANSPORTATION FROM GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES TO POCHENTONG AIRPORT. TWO SORTIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, SIX FOR JULY 12, AND UP TO 12 WITHIN A WEEK. NEGOTIATIONS WITH AIR CAMBODGE FOR SUPPLYING KOMPONG CHAM ARE NOT YET COMPLETED. GIVEN THE EMERGENCY OF THE SITUATION IN KOMPONG CHAM, WE ARE INSISTING THAT ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT BE BROUGHT IN IMMEDIATELY FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY UNTIL THE DOMESTIC AIRLIFT GAINS SUFFICIENT MOMENTUM. WE ARE MEETING AGAIN WITH THE RICE COMMITTEE AT 0800 JULY 12.

2. MEKONG CONVOY. THE CONVOY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 12 APPEARS ON SCHEDULE. WE HAVE INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF RICE PROJECTED TO ARRIVE ON JULY 18 BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF RICE NOW BEING LOADED IN SAIGON.

3. RICE DISTRIBUTION. THE RICE DISTRIBUTION RATE APPEARS TO BE FALLING WITHIN THE 550 MT DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE ANNOUNCED BY THE GKR ON JUNE 20. SINCE THAT DATE, THE TOTAL RICE DISTRIBUTED HAS AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 520 MT PER DAY.

4. ROUTE 4 REMAINS OPEN TO CONVOY TRAFFIC. WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS, SECURITY HAS IMPROVED EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU WHERE FANK FORCES OPERATING BOTH TO THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH OF THE ROAD HAVE CONTINUED TO PUSH BACK THE ENEMY. THE REST OF ROUTE 4 REMAINS CALM AND THERE ARE NO NEW INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY IS PLANNING TO CLOSE THE ROAD AGAIN AT THIS TIME. SINCE THERE IS NO RICE IN KOMPONG SOM WAITING DELIVERY TO PHNOM PENH, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IS PRESENTLY EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING TRUCKS FROM ROUTE 4 TO ROUTE 5 TO TRANSPORT GOVERNMENT STOCKS OF RICE IN BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ROUTE 5 ALSO REMAINS OPEN AND A CONVOY ARRIVED FROM BATTAMBANG ON JULY 10 WITH 115 M/T OF RICE. THE NEXT BATTAMBANG CONVOY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 14. THE
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FANK UNITS WHICH RECENTLY CLEARED ROUTE 5 ARE STILL OPERATING IN THE SALA LEAK PROM AREA.
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NOTE BY OC/T: (####) APPARENT OMISSION. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.
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